

At the June meeting of the County Court of 1859 they ordered

Josiah Beard, George Edmiston, James Kellison and Jessey Cochran to act as a commission to view a site for a road from the old Beard mill on Locust Creek to Spice Run with intersection with the road leading up Little Creek and thence to the Greenbrier County line. It was at this same meeting of the court that the county levy was layed amounting to \$2,772.80 and of this amount \$1,116.84 was to go to meet the needs of the poor.

No doubt the first Notary Public to serve Pocahontas County was none other than William Skeen as he was commissioned by the Governor of Virginia January. 1. 1860 to serve as a notary for Bath, Allegheny and Pocahontas Counties and from that time to the present we have had men commissioned as Notarys for the County and state. It was at this same time that William Curry was commissioned a title as special commissioner to settle and adjust all accounts that came before the court. At the May term of court it was deemed advisable to take a poll of the county to see whether or not the court should buy a farm to be used in caring for the poor, this poll was to be taken the last of May. 1860. William Skeen was chosen as attorney for the commonwealth of this county for a term of 4 years starting July 1. 1860. Isaac McNeel was elected Sheriff of the county for a two year

Gum and Amos Barlow as his deputies. James E. Moore was elected commissioner of the revenue of Pocahontas County for a term of two years starting February 1. 1861.

The county levy of 1860 was \$ 2,485.61 to be collected from 1152 tithables and the following July term the court layed the levy for 1861 which amounted to \$ 2,458.58 from 1143 tithables.

It was on March 1861 that a committee composing of John McNeel, John W. Ruckman and Wm. C Kinnison were appointed to view a way for a road from the Pheobe McNeill mill on Swago Creek up the mountain to David Burgesses by way of Spruce Flats thence to Beaver Dam on Williams River and today this old road is visible but not in use, this road was on what is known as the Young Mountain but was replaced in later years by a road up near Camp Secret Hollow and on to Williams River.

At the February term 1862 the Justices of the county were summoned by the court to appear before that body pertaining to the matter of getting salt from the salt works located in Smyth County Virginia, known as the Stuart Buchanan Company. Allen C. Burner was chosen to act as agent for the county, as the county could only get her quota which was distributed equally among the inhabitants of Pocahontas County. Shortly after this we obtained salt from The Washington Salt Works all this salt was put out by the Governor of the state of Virginia and distributed according to the number

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the 12 th Senatorial District and in the 11 th Judicial Circuit as of
1840. Serving this vast territory was no easy task at that time when their
only mode of travel was either on foot or on horseback and these men had to
assemble at the County Seat which was Huntersville from all parts of the
county to administer justice to the inhabitants from all sections. And be
it said that we people here in Pocahontas County today owe much to these
men that gave their services in order that we might have a good county Gov-
ernment, a prosperous county and a good county in which to live, with laws
enacted by these county courts that have protected our rights and gave us a
good county government.

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